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of Wa. Pruef. 7 of the Heereswaffenamt.

Attached is LIEBKNECHT's summary of the organisation of Wa.Pruef.7 together with personalities concerned.

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Interrogation of Dr. Werner LIEBKNECHT

on the Organisation & Personalities of Wa Pruef 7.

Introduction

Dr. LIEBKNECHT feels that he can only give a very incomplete picture of the organisation since the nature of his work did not necessitate contacts with other branches of the Department. The only Divisions of the department in which LIEBKNECHT worked were Gruppen II and III. Hence he was able to give a somewhat fuller account of those than of the others. The Department was reorganised several times during the last 18 months of the war and he finds it difficult to recall with any accuracy when and how these transformations occurred.

Organisation

Wa Pruef 7 was that department of the Heereswaffenamt concerned with signals equipment of all kinds. During the period (1937-45) when LIEBKNECHT was employed with it, it was divided into five groups and one independent Referat as follows. (A seventh group was created during the summer of 1944).

Heads of the Department 1937-1945:

1937-40	Oberst GIMMLER
1940-42	Oberst KARN
1942-45	Oberst HENNIGST

Gruppe I	Personnel, Raw materials, Accumulators and other small equipment.
Gruppe II	Line Communications, Telephone and Telegraph Equipment of all kinds for line working.
Gruppe III	Radio Communications, Transmitting and Receiving Equipment of all kinds for radio working.
Gruppe IV	'Y' Service (Nachrichtenaufklärung), Interception of Enemy Signals, Listening Equipment, D/F Equipment.
Gruppe V	Permanent Communications Equipment, Erection in permanent Defence Installations, Fortress Telephone Equipment of all kinds.
Independent Referat (VI)	Chemical Flare and Signal Equipment
Gruppe VII	Radio Remote Control

Each Group was divided into Referate, some of which often changed their personnel and the subject on which they were engaged.

Gruppe I was directed by a patent lawyer from BERLIN whose name LIEBKNECHT could not remember. Taken over at end by Min. Rat. FORSTMEYER from Gr. V. A Dr. KOEPKE was Referent for Raw Materials.

Gruppe II Directors:

1937-40	Hptm. GRUBE
1940-42	Major KÖPPKE
1942-45	Major DRESSLER

Referate: a - Personnel - Major HEYPKE
b - Drawing Office
c - Stores
d - Microphones, hand-telephones, etc. - Baurat SCHWANDT
e - Automatic Encipherment of Speech & Telegraphy - Dr. Ing. LIEBKNECHT (1937-42)
f - Amplifiers, Variable Frequency Equipment - Baurat KINDERMANN

Gruppe III Directors: 1942 - 43 Oberstltn. HENNIGST, later Oberst
1943 - 45 Major PÄCHTER

Referate: a - Personnel - Major SCHMIDT-SCHRÖTER
b - Drawing Office - Ing. HEYSE
c - Tank Signals Equipment - Dr. BRUHN (phonetic)
d - Radio Teleprinters - Dr. Ing. MÖHRING
e - Picture Transmission & Television (later dissolved) - Baurat SKALA
Acoustic Measurement of Sound Waves (later) (LIEBKNECHT does not know the purpose of these researches).
f -
g - (dissolved 1943) Permanent Radio Installations.
h - Automatic Encipherment of Speech & Telegraphy (1942-45), extended in 1943 to Hand Cipher Equipment - Dr. Ing. LIEBKNECHT

One Referat (possibly f) dealt with the installing of Radio Equipment in Vehicles - Insp. RÖMER

Gruppe IV Directors: 1937 - 40 Major KARN, afterwards Obstltn. & then Oberst
1940 - 44 (Several for short periods)
1944 - 45 Oberstltn. WEIDEMANN

Referate: a - Personnel
e - Decipherment of enciphered speech - Dr. LOTZE, also Dr. BUGGISCH

One Referat dealt with Listening Equipment
Referent: Ministerialrat KERKHOFF
Another Referat for Hand Cipher Equipment under Dr. PUPP until 1943 when it was transferred to LIEBKNECHT (Gr. III h)

Gruppe V Director: 1944-45 Ministerialrat FORSTMEYER (who transferred to Gr. I during the last days, when Gr. V ceased to have a raison d'etre).

Independent Referat Director: An Oberstltn. whose name LIEBKNECHT could not remember.

Gruppe VII Director: Ministerialrat BERGAU
(LIEBKNECHT knew nothing of this Gruppe except that its activities were of a highly secret nature connected with a secret rocket weapon A4. At the time he did not know whether this was V1 or V2, but now realises it must have been V2. Baurat SKALA (Gr. IIIe), he believes, transferred to this Gruppe when Gr. IIIe was dissolved).

Other personalities

Dr. LIEBKNECHT's Principal assistants were:
Ing. SAGERT, who afterwards went to HILLERSLEBEN
Dipl. Ing. ROELKE
Dipl. Ing. SCHNEIDER
When LIEBKNECHT was transferred from Gr.IIe to Gr.IIIh in 1942, ROELKE remained for a short time in charge of Gr.IIe to provide a little competition. However, this arrangement did not last long as it was soon apparent that ROELKE was making no faster progress than LIEBKNECHT, and ROELKE's Referat was dissolved, ROELKE returning to LIEBKNECHT's party.

LIEBKNECHT stated that he obtained his position in Wa Pruef 7, through Oberst GRUBE whom he succeeded as Assistant in the Department of Fernmeldetechnik at the Technische Hochschule BERLIN.

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